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HAITIAN NEWSPAPER COVERAGE OF MRS. CARTER'S TRIP HAS BEEN SPARSE. ON JUNE 7 AND 8 GOVERNMENT-ALIGNED DAILY NOUVEAU MONDE CARRIED AFP REPORTS OF VISIT TO BRAZIL MENTIONING THAT HUMAN RIGHTS WERE MAJOR TOPIC OF DISCUSSION. RADIO AND TV COVERAGE HAS BEEN MORE CONSTANT, RELYING MOSTLY ON AFP DISPATCHES. ONLY EDITORIAL COMMENT TO DATE IS IN JUNE 7 EDITION OF ECONOMICALLY-ORIENTED AFTERNOONER PANORAMA WHICH COMMENTED ON LIFTING OF STATE OF EMERGENCY IN JAMAICA. AFTER NOTING THAT MANLEY RECEIVED AN OVERWHELMING MAJORITY IN ELECTIONS CONDUCTED IN A "CLIMATE OF TRANQUILITY", PANORAMA CONTINUES: "OBSERVERS STILL ASK THEMSELVES ABOUT THE SOCIALIST POLICIES PURSUED BY MR. MANLEY. WILL THEY ATTAIN THE GOALS THEY SEEK? THE WHOLE THING IS THE JAMAICANS' AFFAIR. WHAT IS IMPORTANT IS THAT THE UNITED STATES, IN THE PERSON OF PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER, HAS NOT OVERDRAMATIZED THE PRESENT SITUATION BECAUSE THE AMERICAN CHIEF OF STATE SENT HIS OWN WIFE ROSALYN TO TALK WITH MICHAEL NAMLEY AND HIS COLLEAGUES. IS THE LIFTING OF THE STATE OF EMERGENCY A HAPPY RESULT UNCLASSIFIED

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OF THE BRIEF VISIT OF MRS JIMMY CARTER TO JAMAICA. ONE CANNOT SAY FOR SURE BUT THE FACT ITSELF IS A GOOD OMEN." PINGITORE

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